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Subject: RE: Hoosick Falls Contaminated Site
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Thanks. This is what this reporter is asking us about as well. We're still drafting our response.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 12:54 PM

To: DeSantis, Emily K (DEC) ; Plastiras, James C (HEALTH) ; Martin, John

Cc: Bowser, Andre ; Mears, Mary

Subject: FW: Hoosick Falls Contaminated Site

Heads up - we've just received the following follow-up questions from a reporter from Inside EPA asking if EPA has responded to the letters DEC and DOH sent a few weeks ago. I don't believe we have received a response, but I'm checking with our folks on this.

Sean

From: Suzanne Yohannan [<mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:28 AM

To: Frazier, Kevin O (DEC)

Subject: Re: Hoosick Falls Contaminated Site

Kevin,

I thought I'd check again, before my deadline (late 1/28) to see if EPA has responded yet (beyond the remarks at the public meeting) to the two DEC letters sent Jan. 14 about PFOA and Hoosick Falls. I'm particularly interested in finding out if there's been any verbal or written response to the request to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy from DEC and DOH to address PFOA on a national scale by lowering the health advisory for PFOA, quickly developing an MCL, listing PFOA as a hazardous substance under CERCLA and reviewing its uses under TSCA.

Have any EPA officials responded to this request to address this nationally more quickly than EPA is?

Thanks.

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On 1/22/2016 12:27 PM, Frazier, Kevin O (DEC) wrote:

Suzanne-

Please find answers to your inquiry below.

Hope the info is helpful.

Best

KOF

Could I get a copy of the request DEC made to EPA?

A: Please find the below link to DEC release which contains link to letters to Regional EPA Administrator Judith Enck and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy.

Is the DEC asking for a National Priorities List listing?

A: Yes.

Or is the state asking for EPA to launch a preliminary assessment to determine if a listing is needed?

A: Requesting consideration of a listing triggers EPA's preliminary assessment.

Given EPA currently does not have a cleanup standard or drinking water level for PFOA, and is working on a chronic water advisory level for the chemical, on what grounds would EPA's Superfund program take on the cleanup?

A: Please refer this question to the EPA.

Has the state received any response from EPA on this request? If so, what did EPA say?

A: No. We have not received a formal response. EPA officials indicated that they are moving forward during the Public meeting held in Hoosick Falls on 1/14/16.

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From: Suzanne Yohannan [<mailto:suzanne@iwpnews.com>]

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To: Frazier, Kevin O (DEC)

Subject: Re: Hoosick Falls Contaminated Site
Kevin,

Sure.

I saw a news report that said the NYDEC had called on US EPA to add Saint-Gobain Plastics manufacturing plant in Hoosick Falls to the federal Superfund program, and investigate, due to high levels of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) found in drinking water.

Could I get a copy of the request DEC made to EPA? Is the DEC asking for a National Priorities List listing? Or is the state asking for EPA to launch a preliminary assessment to determine if a listing is needed?

Given EPA currently does not have a cleanup standard or drinking water level for PFOA, and is working on a chronic water advisory level for the chemical, on what grounds would EPA's Superfund program take on the cleanup?

Has the state received any response from EPA on this request? If so, what did EPA say?

My deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Thanks.

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